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OWEN MOORE.

Owen Moore left town one day.
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WE ARE THANKFUL.

The Thanksgiving season is not only a religious observance and festival, as originally intended by the Puritans, but to the reflective it is also a time to recount our social and material advantages. The man who never stops to recall, in a humble spirit of thankfulness, the social and business conditions with which he is surrounded, neglects a valuable factor for his further advancement.

Every town has its individuality, a distinguishing feature. But Alma has more than this; it has several distinguishing features. We are known throughout the state and beyond, as an educational center and our college atmosphere blesses us with excellent social standards. Our institutions for the restoration of health are of the highest order and are a feature enjoyed by very few towns. Our manufacturing establishments are numerous and of a magnitude equal to those of the best cities and our business men are progressive and alive to their interests and the advancement of our town. We are surrounded by farms and farmers that are unsurpassed and which constitute a foundation without which Alma could not exist.

For all these things we are truly thankful and a full appreciation of them will enable us to still further improve our conditions and surroundings in the coming year.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Protest a small trial appropriation during the McKinley administration, the rural free delivery has grown into a great branch of the postoffice department. Estimates now being prepared showing the probable cost of maintaining the rural free delivery service during the fiscal year 1905-06, and upon which the appropriations made at the coming session of Congress will be based, indicate that the delivery in operation at the end of next June will cost about \$2,500,000 a year to maintain. It is stated that in order that the service may be extended to conform with the present plans of the department and what are believed to be the wishes of both houses of Congress, an additional sum of \$5,000,000 will be necessary. The present plans contemplate a gradual and reasonable advance in the expenditures each year until the grand total of \$10,000,000 is reached. It is believed that eventually the entire country can be covered with a network of rural routes in operation for this annual expenditure.

Forty millions of dollars is a generous sum, but in no other way, perhaps, could the money be more advantageously and beneficially expended than in giving to the rural communities an efficient delivery service.

Within the last ten years there have been wonderful changes in the postoffice department of the United States. These changes have been brought about by changed conditions in business and increased trade with foreign nations. It is scarcely ten years since rural free delivery was first discussed, and even then it was regarded as the product of a visionary brain; a plan that might sometime be feasible, but hardly practicable. Now we have several counties in Michigan in which it is in successful operation, and next month Gratiot will wheel into line. A few years ago it took from thirty days to six months for a letter to come from Europe to America, and such letters came so seldom that the postage, 5 cents per half ounce, was hardly given a thought. Now with fast mail steamers leaving daily for Europe and the time for crossing the ocean less than five days, Europe is nearer to us than New York City was a quarter of a century ago. Great Britain and Germany have signified a willingness to meet the United States on a two-cent rate of postage between these countries, and an arrangement of this sort will bring the Old World and the New very close together. This, another instance of reciprocity, will probably be decided upon at the international postal congress, which meets in Rome, in March, 1905. In this, as in all instances of national reciprocity, America takes the initiative.

The author of the new pure food law in North Dakota says he looks for the passage this winter of a national pure food law. For instance, it requires that semi-annually the food commissioner shall publish in two papers in each county in the State a list of the adulterated foods that have come under his official notice. These publications are paid for by the State, and the direct effect is to inform the public and insure the support of the State press for the law. If all the states had similar statutes the men who get rich by food adulteration would soon be asking for other business.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is a striking example of one of those cases in which the man does honor to the position more than the position honors the man. His address recently given at the one hundred and eleventh anniversary of St. Patrick's church, Washington, was a strong plea for manhood and womanhood, in his clear cut forceful English. He said in part:

"I wish to see in the man, manliness, in the woman, womanliness. I wish to see courage, perseverance, the willingness to face work; to face it if it is necessary, danger; the determination not to shrink back when temporarily beaten in life, as each one will be now and then, but to come up again and wrest triumph from defeat."

"We have grown to accept it as an axiomatic truth of our American life that the man is to be treated on his worth as a man, without regard to accidents of his position that this is not a government designed to favor the rich man as such, or the poor man as such, but that it is designed to favor every man, rich or poor, if he is a decent man who acts fairly by his fellows."

The result of the election on governor and legislature in Colorado is still in doubt. Organized labor has well nigh paralyzed the mining and general business interests of the state, as well as the investment of eastern capital, which has built the state up to its present high condition. The election of Governor Peabody by a safe majority would have meant a vast amount to the business and social interests of Colorado.

SINCE election W. N. Ferris has been deluged with letters from former students who console with him upon his defeat, and wind up with, "but I did all I could for you." Mr. Ferris counts up letters; estimates the democratic vote of the state, looks at that 60,000 majority of Warner's, scratches his head and wonders. It's an algebraic equation with one unknown quantity which he cannot solve.

THE RECORD is in receipt of a copy of the Seattle Times of recent date. The Times has on its front page a fine double column cut of Marcus Pollasky, formerly of Alma and one of Michigan's well known men. The cut is published in connection with an article which states that Mr. Pollasky had just offered \$500,000 for the Washington Hotel property in Seattle.

THIS November weather is certainly something to be thankful for. The temperature has been up where a little fire has kept the houses comfortable and if the severe winter promised comes, the fuel bill will not be empty when it gets here.

THE physicians are supposed to be busy today on account of yesterday's general Thanksgiving observance.

TRUCKS governed the United States for one day, yesterday.

Churches and Societies

The Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Theodore Marsh Monday, Nov. 28, at 2:45 p. m., standard time. Subject, "Merchant of Venice, Act III, Scenes 1 and 2. Leader, Mrs. A. L. Harr.

Mrs. F. W. Phelps, state secretary of the Farther Lights Society, will speak next Wednesday evening in the Baptist church to the young ladies. In the afternoon of the same day in the church she will address the members and friends of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Next Sunday morning the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church will preach on "Being Good Friends with God." Sunday evening the third of a series of sermon lectures will be given. Subject, "Savonarola."

The morning subject at the Baptist church will be "The Equality of Believers" and in the evening the pastor will discourse on "The Songs Our Lives Sing." Strangers are especially invited.

Services at St. John's church next Sunday—"Advent Sunday"—as follows: 10:30 a. m., Morning prayer and sermon; 12:00 noon, Sunday school; 7:30 p. m., Evening prayer and sermon. All are earnestly invited to these services.

The Woman's Guild of St. John's church are preparing for their annual bazaar and supper to be given in the Opera House on Thursday, December 9th. Further particulars next week.

Rev. W. K. Wright will preach in the Presbyterian church Sunday, Nov. 27, morning and evening. An invitation is extended to all to attend.

Additional Local News

THE RECORD has secured the service of Clark E. Beckwith, of Grand Rapids, an experienced pressman.

The following are some of the witnesses on the Clinton Nelson perjury case at Chicago this week: W. S. Turck, Bart Miller, Ely Brewbaker, Geo. Sharrar, Peter Hill, N. W. Ferris, P. R. Voorhees, A. C. Wagstaff, Dr. Lamb, Royal Hyde and H. L. Mapes.

Married at the home of her sister in Spring City, Utah, Nov. 17th, at six p. m., Miss Atlanta J. Thompson of Alma, Mich., and Mr. Frederick W. Watson, of Los Angeles, Cal. They will be at home, Nov. 28th, at 751 E. Pico street, Los Angeles, Cal.

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New Steamship to Cuba.

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Settlers' Fares to the South and Southeast.

One way, second-class tickets on sale at all stations on first and third Tuesday of each month. Ask agents for particulars. 14-17

First Signs.

The first signs of having taken cold are a chill or shiver—a scratchy throat or sneeze—a disposition to perspire and always that tired feeling. A few doses of Dr. Humphreys' "Seventy seven" will restore the checked circulation, start the blood coursing through the veins and break up the cold. "77" will also break up colds that hang on and do not yield to other treatment. "77" cures coughs, colds, grip, influenza, catarrh, pains and soreness in the head and chest, hoarseness, sore throat, general prostration and fever. At drug-gists, 25 cents each, or mailed Humphreys' Medicine Co., Cor. William and John streets, New York.

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LOW RATES TO CUBA.

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Fifty Reed Rockers at \$1.98

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Thanksgiving Day Excursion Rates.

The Ann Arbor R. R. will sell excursion tickets November 23rd and 24th limit of return to November 26th, at one and a third fare for round trip 29-41